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SOME REMARKS

ON

DISEASES

OF THE

GUMS AND MOUTH,

WITH

NUMEROUS TESTIMONIALS

OF THE VIRTUES OF

Holmes' Sure Cure Mouth Wash and Dentifrice.

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**SURE CURE MOUTH WASH**  
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# INTRODUCTORY.

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"MEDICINE is not a rigid system of rules and formulæ, as it was in Ancient Egypt—a fixed creed, to which you are to subscribe, and from which you must not vary. It is a living, growing, thing—making use of every resource which the progress of science brings; testing all things, and holding fast to that which is good."—*Dr. John S. Billings' Address to the Graduating Class, Bellevue Medical College, 1882.*

In presenting to you this little pamphlet we have two objects in view. The first, to bring to your especial attention a consideration of the diseases of the gums and mouth, which, while so generally observed and known to exist, are passed by with a lack of that alarming apprehension of their baneful influence upon the comfort and health of those so afflicted, which they should arouse. Second, to present to you a few reflections on the cause of these diseases, and to ask your consideration of a remedy which, we believe, if used as directed, is almost infallible.

We have given these diseases a great deal of thoughtful attention, and experimented largely in their cure. After continued experiment and observation, we have discovered a happy combination of remedial agents, named by us **HOLMES' SURE CURE MOUTH WASH**, which we have no hesitancy in proclaiming the **VERY BEST KNOWN**. With it we have had most marked success in our practice. For a number of years we used it quietly, without appreciating to the fullest extent that it was **TOO VALUABLE A REMEDY** to have

such a circumscribed field of usefulness. Acting upon this belief, we then prepared and offered it to dentists generally. Fearing the natural prejudice in the profession to innovations of this kind we could not foreshadow its reception. But in this we were agreeably surprised. We soon learned that the profession were possessed of broader and less biased views than we had given them credit for, and were willing and ready to give a fair trial to that which they had reason to believe would be beneficial in their practice. A demand was at once created far and wide; and from many came the highest and most flattering testimonials, as will be noted, from a few of the many received, published in other pages in the pamphlet.

Being more and more convinced, from these evidences, of the merit of this MAGICAL PREPARATION, and from an increasing demand outside of the profession, from many who suffer from ulcers and inflamed mucous membrane of the mouth, soft and bleeding gums, bad breath, etc., we have decided to meet this demand by manufacturing HOLMES' SURE CURE MOUTH WASH more largely, and offer it to the people generally through Drug Stores, as well as the Dental Profession.

We believe we will be conferring a great blessing upon the thousands whose cases just simply using the Wash will reach. In many cases, of course, where tartar and uncleanly teeth are the cause of the disease, the dentist must be consulted and employed to remove the tartar and clean the teeth; then with the use of the Wash all cases can be reached, it matters not how bad or unpromising.

We have made some improvements in the Wash,

which, in addition to the virtues heretofore claimed for it, now make it a MOST VALUABLE AND USEFUL DENTRIFICE. By wetting the brush with water and sprinkling a few drops of the Wash on it, and rubbing the teeth in the morning and at night before retiring, it affords one of the best dentrifices now known for keeping the gums hard and healthy, purifying the breath by its antiseptic and disinfectant properties, and aiding largely in preventing decay by its lubricating, detergent and anti-acid qualities.

To those of the dental profession who have not given HOLMES' SURE CURE MOUTH WASH a trial, we beg leave to say, be broad viewed and liberal minded enough to lay aside your prejudices, read some of the testimonials we present from some of the best and most progressive gentlemen in the profession—gentlemen, your peers in every respect—capable—keeping apace with every improvement, regardless of expense—honorable—would not recommend anything at any price which they did not conscientiously believe to possess the merit claimed—and be *convinced*, at least enough to give the preparation a trial before passing a final judgment on it.

To the people at large, who are the *sufferers*, and should be most interested, we ask you to read what leading dentists have to say of "Holmes' Sure Cure Mouth Wash." Also read what some of the people, who have experienced (we could produce hundreds and hundreds of certificates) the benefit of this preparation, and give it a fair trial, and we feel assured you will bless us for calling attention to HOLMES' SURE CURE MOUTH WASH AND DENTRIFICE.

# SOME REMARKS ON THE GUMS.

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Addressed to the Dental Profession.

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## PHYSIOLOGY OF THE GUMS.

The gums in a normal state, are made up of fibro-cartilagenous tissue, with a larger proportion of the fibro element prevailing. They are tough and strongly endowed, and act as a protecting cushion about the alveolar process, and being insensible to a certain extent, afford a good firm border around the teeth in the act of mastication. A very heavy and thick mucous membrane forms the outer surface, underlaid with a net-work of capillary vessels, making the membrane very vascular—the nerves of the gums are not very sensitive, and do not respond to any ordinary attack, only when diseased, and then they become peculiarly acute in their sensations, and by reflex action disturb other parts of the body. The mucous follicles are very large, and secrete quantities of mucous fluid to lubricate the gums and prevent abrasion in the friction of mastication. How beautiful and how perfect the gums! Nature has indeed performed a wonderful work in their structure and surroundings. They are, as it were, a setting to the teeth like gold to lovely pearls.

## PATHOLOGY OF THE GUMS.

The gums in a diseased condition present a very striking contrast to the picture thus drawn. When diseased, how foul, how disgusting, how loathsome and how injurious to health, comfort and beauty. Nature made them firm, hard and useful; they have become a mass of filthy accumulations. The vessels



through which the crimson tide flowed so beautifully, giving that exquisite tint so much admired in the gums, have become distended by congestion and burst upon the slightest touch. The secretions take on an acid character, becoming often so acid as to dissolve even the enamel on the teeth, causing those sensitive grooves often seen around the teeth near the gums. The fluids becoming more and more vitiated, mingle with the saliva, and daily pass into the stomach, causing loss of tone in this organ and most distressing indigestion. A mouth of purest sweetness is turned into odor most foul, and every inspiration of fresh air intended to purify the blood is laden with poisonous effluvia and taken into the lungs, affecting every part of the system. In short, the gums when attacked by disease and unchecked in its incipency, but permitted to run its full course, become a conglomerated mass of pus and corruption, poisoning the secretions and blood, and indirectly breaking down the constitution of the victim so unfortunate as to be thus affected, ending often in death unless relief is afforded.

### THE CAUSES OF DISEASED GUMS.

The causes of diseased gums are quite numerous. Among the primary causes, may be mentioned filthy habits, particles of food, coagulated mucous, and loosened epithelium scales allowed to remain between the teeth and on the gums, decomposing and lying in contact with the gums daily, producing irritation and increased vascular action, followed by congestion of the blood vessels, stagnation, and general breaking down of tissue, resulting in pus, etc. Accumulation of tartar is probably the most common source of irritation and disease; being deposited around the teeth and pressing on the gums, soon interferes with proper circulation, making a puffy, turgid condition, diseasing the mucous follicles, lining the muco-dental pits, destroying their secretive ability, and producing the usual train of evils resulting therefrom. In addition to these local causes there are some constitutional conditions that tend to bring about abnormality in

the gums ; but it is not necessary to mention them here. We have to deal more frequently with local causes and conditions.

## TREATMENT OF DISEASED GUMS.

To cure any disease the cause must first be removed. As many of the cases of diseased gums met with in the ordinary run of practice, are produced by local causes, which consist mainly in deposits around the necks, and frequently upon the entire roots of the teeth, accompanied by inflammation, tumefaction, supuration and wasting away of tissue, it naturally follows the first thing to be done is to remove these causes. This treatment is altogether operative, and consists in the removal of every particle of foreign substance from the roots of the teeth, not only that upon and in the vicinity of the necks, but that beneath the margin of the gums, and if necessary to the very ends of the roots, as far, at least, as the separation between them and the gums exists ; often times in very extreme cases it is necessary to scrape the alveolar around and between the roots and excise any pieces of the process which may be necrosed. The whole surface of the roots exposed must be thoroughly polished. The operation *must be heroic and thorough*. As long as a particle of foreign substance remains upon the roots, just so long will the cure of the disease be unsatisfactory—the least particle will stand as a barrier to union between the gums and roots.

To perform perfectly this first and important step in the cure of diseased gums, instruments especially designed, must be used to enable the operator to reach every part effectually. The chief cause of so many failures in radically curing diseased gums, lies in the lack of thoroughness in the first step. *The treatment must be heroic*. In addition to removing the tartar, if there is much congestion, etc., the gums must be scarified around the teeth, and all excrescent growths around and in the interspaces must be clipped



and cut away. The abrasion and breaking up of abnormal growths, is an important part of the work. This surgical and operative part of the treatment having been heroically and most thoroughly accomplished, it now becomes necessary to use therapeutical treatment to aid nature in her recuperative process. This is as necessary to complete a cure as the first step in the treatment. An experienced and learned professional says on this point: "We are confident that a large number of our most careful and experienced operators feel that something more than mere *surgical* treatment is required in very many cases of this disease, in order that permanent results of a favorable character may be realized. We also know that some of our best men get results by following the surgical with an *intelligent antiseptic* treatment never before obtained by other methods. We do not consider the Witzel method of treating this disease (Pyorrhœa Alveolaris) as antagonistic to Riggs' method, but, rather, as supplemental to it, at least in many cases; and our own experience is sufficient evidence that the supplemental antiseptic treatment is as necessary to a complete cure as the surgical."

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### Application of Holmes' Mouth Wash.

After the surgical treatment, as before described, take an old instrument and wrap around the end of it a piece of cotton, (which makes a good mop,) and dipping it into the full strength of the wash, apply it around and between the gums, being careful to pump it, as it were, thoroughly around and under. In some cases where the septum and alveolar process around are affected, a syringe, to inject the wash between the teeth and way under the gums can be used to advantage. This must be applied once daily.

In addition, a bottle of the wash, full strength, must be given the patient, and instruct him to pour a tablespoonful into a fourth of a tumbler of water and

rinse the mouth, sucking it between the teeth three times daily—this proportion must be used each time, unless found too strong. The length of time necessary to keep up the treatment will have to be determined by the appearance and improvement in the gums. This is the treatment for diseased gums from causes before described. The wash can be used with great benefit in any inflamed or ulcerated condition of the gums or mucous membrane.

After the extraction of teeth there is nothing better as a styptic and antiseptic, or to heal and harden, and hasten absorption and preparation of the gums for the plate. For this purpose, direct patient to use at first a tablespoonful to a fourth tumbler of water, and rinse the mouth three times daily, and decrease strength as the mouth heals. Full directions accompany each bottle.

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### Duty of each and every Dentist.

It is the duty of every dentist, in examining a mouth, to call special attention to any unhealthiness of the gums, and to impress upon the patient the great importance and necessity for cleanliness. When a dentist has a regular patient who reposes every confidence, and gives to him entire management of the teeth, and he allows the patient to go unwarned of diseased gums, even in its incipency, the dentist cannot be too severely censured for such unpardonable neglect of duty. The evidences of the disease, in the first stages *even*, are too unmistakable, and no dentist can excuse himself if he fails to give warning, and insist upon the patient submitting to such treatment as will be necessary to establish a perfectly normal condition. It is admitted that it is a most disagreeable part of dentistry, and one which does not always yield such remuneration as it should, considering time, labor and unpleasantness; but if we have chosen dentistry as our avocation, it is our duty to execute every branch of it to the very best of our ability.

## A VOICE OF WARNING.

### Addressed to the People Generally.

It is a rare occurrence to find a perfectly healthy mouth, free entirely from even a trace of some form of disease. Few people are aware of the damaging consequences that arise from these diseases: very few realize, until often too late, the baneful effects on their constitution produced by them. It is not alone the effects upon the teeth *which itself ought to be sufficiently arousing*—but it is the serious inroads upon the very fountain sources of life, which should excite apprehension. Diseased gums generate putrid and offensive matter in the mouth, so that every particle of food taken into the stomach is impregnated therewith, and a long train of evils in this organ follows: such as dyspepsia and the thousand and one disorders that follow improper digestion and assimilation of food. Diseased gums cause offensive and foul odors to laden the breath, so that every breath that is carried into the lungs is vitiated, causing consumption and other diseases that follow a lack of a full supply of pure air. We could enumerate and describe many, very many constitutional diseases caused by disorders of the gums and mouth, but hav'nt the space here. We merely desire to throw out a few hints of warning. Our main object in these remarks is to call attention to some of the diseases found in the mouth, so that they can be recognized, and to offer a remedy which we believe will prove effective in the hands of those who give it a fair trial.

Read carefully the brief description of these diseases, and if you think there is the slightest symptom in your mouth, do not delay a moment, but take steps towards getting cured. Following we mention some of the most common diseases found in the mouth.

### **Riggs' Disease or Pyorrhœa Alveolaris.**

This disease is often met with. It is seldom that a mouth is seen without being affected to an extent more or less. The signs are unmistakable. At first the gums begin to lose their firm, hard, healthy appearance, a feeling of discomfort arises in the margin of gum around the neck of the teeth, the gum becomes more flabby and irritated, soon blood oozes out on touching and rubbing, the inflammation extends deeper, and the gums losing their attachment to the roots, fall away. The sulci formed thereby become filled with foul secretions of pus and blood. These indications prove more aggravated daily, until the teeth become loose, the breath more foul, and the general health affected and broken down if the disease is permitted to run its full course.

To cure Pyorrhœa Alveolaris, consult your dentist and get him to remove every particle of tartar which has accumulated during the course of the disease, from the teeth on both crown and roots, and clean the parts thoroughly, then apply HOLMES' SURE CURE MOUTH WASH, full strength, once daily, and rinse the mouth with the wash, diluted by pouring a tablespoonful into fourth of a tumbler of water, several times daily. Continue the application until the gums are firm and healthy, and the teeth again attached perfectly. A Constant use of the wash as a dentifrice, as directed, twice daily, will aid very largely in preventing the disease and keeping the gums in a normal condition.

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### **Necrosis of the Alveolar Process.**

The process sometimes becomes necrosed or dead, indicated by a dark, purple and swollen condition. An offensive discharge comes therefrom.

To relieve, the necrosed bone must be scraped away by your dentist. Then apply HOLMES' SURE CURE MOUTH WASH, full strength, two or three times a day until a cure is effected.

## Inflamed and Bleeding Gums Caused by Salivary Calculus—Commonly Called Tartar.

There is not one mouth in a hundred that is entirely free from this trouble. Salivary Calculus or Tartar, is a hard substance deposited from the saliva around the teeth, more especially upon their necks and roots. It is constantly added to, and being rough and harsh, irritates and inflames the gums, causing them to bleed and grow pained and offensive; pushing the gums away, breaking the attachments of the teeth, and causing their final loss by dropping out.

This trouble can be relieved by getting your dentist to remove tartar and cleaning the teeth, and then, by using HOLMES' SURE CURE MOUTH WASH, full strength, once daily, and rinsing them with the Wash, diluted, twice daily, until the gums are hard and the teeth firmly attached again.

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## Mercurial Poisoning or Salivation.

The gums are red and inflamed, become soft and spongy, and bleed from the slightest touch; the breath is offensive, and taste metallic.

To relieve, if the gums are very turgid and swollen scurfy, dipping out the turgid growth between the teeth, and bleeding freely. Then apply HOLMES' SURE CURE MOUTH WASH, full strength, twice daily. In addition, pour a tablespoonful into fourth tumbler of water and rinse the mouth three or four times daily until cured.

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## Epithelioma.

Ragged ulcers appear on the lower lips, the inflammation spreading, until sometimes involving the submaxillary lymphatic glands.

Apply HOLMES' SURE CURE MOUTH WASH, full strength, and rinse mouth with Wash, diluted.



### **Sore Mouth of Nursing Women.**

This is a form of ulcerative inflammation of the mouth, peculiar to women while suckling, or in advanced stage of pregnancy. The first symptoms are indicated by a loss of taste and a sensation similar to that produced by scalding liquids. It is generally very sudden in its attack. This, followed by the appearance of one or more tumors on the side of the tongue, which after a time ulcerate, produces very painful sores, with hard borders and a circle of inflammation around them. The disease is at first local, but if not arrested is apt to extend to the fauces and œsophagus, producing irritation of the stomach and bowels, and diarrhœa, resulting finally in emaciation and death.

To relieve, apply HOLMES' SURE CURE MOUTH WASH, full strength, twice daily, and rinse mouth, with Wash diluted, several times daily.

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### **Scurvy.**

The gums are spongy, bleed easily, ulcerate and slough, and the fœtor is exceedingly offensive.

The best local remedy is HOLMES' SURE CURE MOUTH WASH, applied full strength, twice daily, and a diluted Wash used several times a day. Constitutional treatment in extreme cases of scurvy will be required in connection with the Wash used as above.

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### **Aphthæ, or Follicular Ulceration.**

Between the lips and gums, and under the tongue, appear transparent vesicles. As the disease increases, the mucous membrane around inflames, the vesicles burst and spreading ulcers come.

Apply HOLMES' SURE CURE MOUTH WASH, full strength, and rinse mouth with Wash, diluted.

### **Ulcerative Stomatitis.**

The gums thicken, become congested and bleed freely, caused by the ulceration which begins on them, spreading to the whole mouth, particularly in the lower division. It even involves the mucous membrane of the mouth, producing painful and serious results.

To relieve, apply to the ulcerated patches HOLMES' SURE CURE MOUTH WASH twice daily, rinsing the mouth twice daily with the Wash, diluted.

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### **A Simple Form of Stomatitis.**

Small, raised, reddish, glistening patches formed on the mucous membrane constitute this disease.

To relieve, apply HOLMES' SURE CURE MOUTH WASH three times daily, full strength, until cured.

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### **Thrush.**

Small, white spots appear on the tongue, palate-velum and inside of cheek and lips.

Apply HOLMES' SURE CURE MOUTH WASH, full strength, direct to spots, twice daily.

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### **Syphilitic Inflammation of the Mucous Membrane of the Mouth.**

The gums become swollen and ulcerated around the margins, laying bare the necks of the teeth; a bloody, viscid, fishy, offensive discharge is thrown out; the disease spreads and involves other membranes and produces serious results.

In connection with the constitutional treatment, HOLMES' SURE CURE MOUTH WASH, is a valuable adjunct, and should be applied, full strength, to the diseased parts, three times daily, and the mouth rinsed often with the Wash, diluted.

**Epulis.**

Ulcerative patches with inflamed margins, and spreading ulcers on the gums.

Apply HOLMES' SURE CURE MOUTH WASH, full strength.

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**MULTUM IN PARVO.**

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**Holmes' Sure Cure Mouth Wash and Dentrifice.**

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A splendid dentrifice for cleaning the teeth, keeping the gums healthy and purifying the breath.

A sure cure for diseased gums, commonly called scurvy.

A sure cure for bleeding gums.

A sure cure for bad or foul breath.

A sure cure for bad taste in the mouth.

A sure cure for ulcers or sore mouth.

A sure cure for nursing sore mouth.

A sure cure for neuralgia, caused by diseased gums.

A sure cure for indigestion, caused by diseased gums.

A sure cure for sleeplessness, caused by diseased gums.

A sure cure for healing and hardening the gums after extraction of teeth.

Cures diseased gums and tightens loose teeth (loosened by tartar) after your dentist has removed tartar and cleaned teeth.

Sure cure for any and all diseases of the gums and mouth.

DIRECTIONS.—To use as a dentrifice, wet the brush with water, pour five drops of the wash on, brush the teeth twice daily. To cure severe diseases of the gums and mouth, and to tighten loose teeth, get your dentist to remove tartar and clean teeth, apply the wash daily, full strength. For ordinary cases, pour a tablespoonful in a tumbler and add double the quantity of water, rinse the mouth twice daily. If too strong, dilute to suit the case. For any and all ulcers, putrid sores and inflammation involving the membranes of the oral cavity, there is no remedy more effective or equal to HOLMES' SURE CURE MOUTH WASH. It has been used successfully in sore throat and ulcerated fauces when properly diluted and carefully applied.

We ask your special attention to some (of the many we could produce) of the testimonials of the efficacy of HOLMES' SURE CURE MOUTH WASH, from divers sources and places. Please read them and see what others think of its virtues.

# TESTIMONIALS

OF THE VIRTUES OF

## HOLMES' SURE CURE MOUTH WASH.

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All Claimed for It.

GAINESVILLE, FLA., March 12, 1884.

*Drs. Holmes :*

DEAR SIRs—It affords me pleasure to be able to say that HOLMES' MOUTH WASH has proven, in my hands, all the proprietors claim for it.

Yours very respectfully,

W. L. SEIGLER.

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Sorry He Didn't Use it Long Ago.

WASHINGTON, GA., November 20, 1882.

*Drs. J. P. & W. R. Holmes :*

I have had occasion to use your MOUTH WASH lately—am sorry I did not do so long ago. In mouths with horrid breath, caused by diseased, inflamed gums that would bleed at the slightest touch, after removing tartar and scarifying gums, its action was almost immediate. The patients were delighted, and I would not be without it.

Yours truly,

H. B. KEMME.



## A Case of Pyorrhœa Alveolaris Cured by Holmes' Mouth Wash.

EUFaula, ALA., March 22d, 1884.

*Dr. J. P. & W. R. Holmes:*

GENTLEMEN—I have been using HOLMES' SURE CURE MOUTH WASH in my practice for several years. It has given perfect satisfaction, and is all you claim for it. For treating diseased gums it has no superior. I will mention one case specially, in which it was most successfully used. A young lady of New York, sojourning in this place, called on me in June, 1883, suffering very much with her lower teeth. All of them were sore and loose to such an extent that she could not bear the slightest touch upon them without almost going into spasms. I found the teeth very loose, gums badly diseased, very much swollen and inflamed; in other words, her mouth presented a well defined and advanced stage of Pyorrhœa Alveolaris. On account of the extreme tenderness, I was unable to use my instruments at all at first sitting, but I applied HOLMES' WASH, full strength, two or three times, giving her a bottle, with instructions to use it whenever the gums pained, and to return on the second day. She did as directed, and the soreness was so removed that I had no trouble in using the scalers and removing the tartar thoroughly. I continued the use of your Mouth Wash, and at the end of three weeks dismissed her, cured. I saw her a few days ago, and she told me that her gums and teeth had not given her a moment's pain since I dismissed the case. I use HOLMES' MOUTH WASH whenever I find diseased gums, after removing tartar, extracting teeth, &c. In fact I would not know how to get along without it. It should be in every dental office.

Very truly yours,

T. M. ALLEN, D. D. S.

## A severe case of Nursing Sore Mouth cured— Apthous Spots cured.

HILLSBORO, N. C., March 21, 1884.

*Drs. J. P. & W. R. Holmes :*

DEAR SIRS—Your letter asking with what success I had used your MOUTH WASH, reached me some days ago, just as I was leaving home, hence the delay in answering. The most marked case of cure that I have had was with my wife. Some two years ago she had a severe attack of nursing sore mouth. Our physician was called in, and with great difficulty, considerable delay, and much suffering, he finally subdued it. Last fall she had a recurrence of it again. I ordered your "MOUTH WASH" which *subdued it in a few days*. Indeed we have used it in the family occasionally ever since, and always effected a cure. Two or three applications will cure apthous spots in the mouth. Another cure was a lady who came to my office to have some work done. I found her saliva thick and ropy—the gums congested and bleeding at the slightest touch. She used your Wash and was benefited. I did not have an opportunity to see her again, but asked her to let me know whether she was benefited by it. She said it helped her greatly.

It is an excellent preparation, and should be in the office of every dentist.

Yours truly,

C. A. ROMINGER.

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## Right Successful with It.

JACKSON, MISS., March 13, 1884.

*Drs. J. P. & W. R. Holmes.*

GENTS—I have been right successful with your MOUTH WASH. Cases that I have treated have been very much benefited by it.

Yours, etc.,

I. B. REMBERT, D. D. S.

**Have Used Sufficiently to Test its Efficacy—A  
Case of Dislocation of Teeth and Fracture of  
Process Treated with Holmes' Mouth Wash,  
Successfully.**

ORLANDO, FLA., March 12, 1884.

*Drs. J. P. & W. R. Holmes :*

DEAR SIRS—In using your MOUTH WASH for two years or longer in my practice, I have had noticeable chances for testing its efficacy. One was the case of a young gentleman, who, by an accident, had his four upper incisors knocked in so much as to, in part, dislodge all of them, and severely fracture the process. In treating the case, after proper surgical steps, I used your MOUTH WASH mopping the gums thoroughly with it, sitting after sitting, absolutely keeping away inflammation, which, under the circumstances, seemed sure to come, and reaching, finally, a very successful result. That your MOUTH WASH was a very important factor in this case, there is not a shadow of doubt. The case was an interesting one to me, but its entire management not being a subject for this paper, I will not give it.

I use your Wash continually as an astringent after extraction, and as a wash after cleaning teeth where the gums are lacerated, for diseased gums, and have always found it good.

Yours very respectfully,

H. M. GRANNISS.

**A Most Excellent Preparation.**

TROY, ALA., June 22, 1883.

*Drs. J. P. & W. R. Holmes, Macon, Ga. :*

GENTLEMEN—I have used HOLMES' MOUTH WASH, and think it is a most excellent preparation.

Very respectfully,

E. H. LOCKE.

## Sloughing from Necrosis Cured—The Wash Cheerfully Recommended.

BLACKVILLE, S. C., June 22d, 1884.

*Drs. J. P. & W. R. Holmes, Macon, Ga. :*

GENTS—HOLMES' MOUTH WASH has given me entire satisfaction, and possesses all the merits claimed for it. I have been using it twelve months, and most cheerfully recommend it. I will mention one special case which I had and is of some interest, where HOLMES' MOUTH WASH was used to advantage, viz :

A young medical student of this place, who, in the Spring of 1881, had the left superior wisdom tooth extracted in Sumpter, S. C., much sloughing and alveolar process came away for three months after. It then became sluggish and discharged pus occasionally, from the socket, and would bleed from the slightest touch. Thus it kept on, not healing any more until I saw the case in the Summer of 1882, one year and two months from date of extraction. That was the history of the case when it came into my hands. I treated the case one month with Carbolic Acid and Iodine of different strength without any perceptible change. The sloughing was so extensive that the palatine roof and posterior buccal root of left superior second molar, next to the extracted wisdom tooth had become exposed to the end of the root. This large hole, formed by the two exposed roots and deep cavity in the process, through which I could feel the bones, was such a bad place to catch foreign matter that I extracted the second molar. This then gave me a better view of the diseased parts, and I commenced treating with aromatic sulphuric acid and tannin which treatment I kept up for several weeks, without any perceptible change. I could wipe pus out of the very deep socket with bibulous paper every time he came. At this stage of the case I ordered half a dozen bottles of HOLMES' MOUTH WASH, and as soon as they came I sent for my patient and applied the Wash, full strength, giving him one bottle and

directions for use. I saw him one week later and his mouth was much improved; cleansed socket good, found a little pus and the edges of the alveolar process were yet bare. I treated it with the Wash, full strength, and gave him another bottle: saw the case in two weeks more and found the cavity healing rapidly and free from pus. In a short time after he was entirely well and is still blessing HOLMES' MOUTH WASH.

Respectfully,

J. H. E. MILHOUS.

### AN EXCELLENT REMEDY.

**Cured Gums that bled from Slightest Touch—Good for Ulcerated and Inflamed Mouths.**

BAXLEY, GA., April 11th, 1881.

*Drs. J. P. & W. R. Holmes, Macon, Ga.:*

GENTLEMEN—I have been using your Mouth Wash for a long time, and find it an excellent remedy to remove the soreness and heal and harden the gums after extraction of teeth. In cases where tartar has formed on the teeth and the gums become so soft and tender until they would bleed from the slightest touch of a toothbrush, I have used your Mouth Wash with the most satisfactory results. I first carefully remove the tartar, and apply the Wash according to directions, and direct the patients to wash their teeth at least three times a day with a good medium stiff brush, using the Wash just after washing the teeth. The result has been, where patients followed the directions closely, in a few days the soreness was gone and the gums hard and tough, so they could wash their teeth without any pain or sign of gums bleeding. In cases of ulcerated and inflamed mucous membrane of the mouth, I have found it to be an excellent remedy. In fact, I believe it to be all that is claimed for it, and therefore take pleasure in recommending it.

Very respectfully,

B. H. PATTERSON.



## Don't Want Anything Better—It is the Very Wash Desired.

CLAYTON, ALA., April 1, 1883.

*Drs. Holmes :*

SIRS—I think you would like to know how your MOUTH WASH is succeeding in my hands. Allow me to say I have tried it. I don't want anything better. I believe it to be the *very Wash desired*. I find that it cures diseased gums, after tartar has been taken off, in a few days. I will mention a case I had a few days ago :

A young man came into my office to have his teeth filled. I saw that his gums were badly diseased and very swollen, and, in filling them, if I touched the gums, they would bleed. I have never been able to fill teeth successfully with cavities half full of blood. I decided to treat his gums first. I gave him one bottle of the Wash and advised him to use it as directed and to come back in three or four days and I would fill his teeth. He did so. I filled his teeth with gold instead of *blood*. His gums were about well.

I will mention one more case, and close :

I met a minister of the Gospel on the street. He said he was suffering with ulcers in his mouth, and could scarcely talk or eat. I sold him a bottle of your MOUTH WASH at cost, and applied it to his mouth in my office. That was on Friday. He told me afterwards that on Sunday he was able to preach without any difficulty. In a few days his mouth was well. He advised me to keep it on hand all the time ; that he had cured half a dozen mouths with that bottle, and had some left and sent that to a man having a chronic sore mouth, and he believes that it would cure him.

I am carried away with your MOUTH WASH. Will order another dozen bottles soon, as I am about out.

J. T. FLOYD.

## Valuable as a Styptic Wash After Extracting Teeth, etc.

MACON, GA., April 8, 1882.

*Drs. J. P. & W. R. Holmes :*

DEAR SIRS—I have been using your GUM WASH in my practice now for over two years and find it a most excellent adjunct in the treatment of diseased gums, which we so often meet in the oral cavity of all classes of patients. I find it to be particularly valuable as a styptic wash for the gums after extracting one or more teeth. It prevents soreness or swelling of the gums to a great extent, and allays the after-pains and causes the gums to heal very readily. I can cheerfully recommend it as a valuable preparation for the dental office.

Very respectfully yours,

W. W. FORD,

President Georgia State Dental Society.

## "Old Sore Mouth" Cured in Ten Days With One Bottle.

CEDAR KEYS, FLA., May 25, 1883.

*Drs. J. P. & W. R. Holmes :*

DEAR SIRS—I only commenced to use HOLMES' MOUTH WASH about two months ago, and I am well pleased with it. It is the only wash that I have found that will do the work in such a short time and so thoroughly. After extracting teeth, or removing tartar, it is particularly beneficial. I tried one bottle on an "old sore mouth," as the patient expressed it, and cured it in ten days. I am sorry I did not commence to use it earlier.

Yours respectfully,

J. JAMES CHACE.

**Good for Any Kind of Sores in the Mouth, and I  
Cannot Hesitate to Recommend the Wash in the  
Highest Terms.**

ALAFIA, FLA., March 27, 1884.

*Drs. J. P. & W. R. Holmes :*

DEAR SIRS—You wish to know how I like your MOUTH WASH. I could not be better pleased with any Wash than I am with yours. It is not only good for the mouth, but for any kind of sore—in the mouth and out. I have tried it in various ways, and in every case found it good. I cannot hesitate to recommend it in the highest terms to the public. I shall make an order soon for a dozen or more bottles.

Respectfully,  
MATTHEW WIGGINS.

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**Used With Most Satisfactory Results—A Most  
Excellent Remedy After the Extraction of  
Teeth, for Diseased Gums, etc.**

FAYETTE, MISS., March 14, 1884.

*Drs. J. P. & W. R. Holmes :*

GENTLEMEN—I have used your MOUTH WASH with the most satisfactory results. I find it a most excellent remedy to heal and harden the gums after the extraction of teeth. In cases where tartar has formed on the teeth, forcing the gums from their place, causing them to become so very soft and tender that they bleed at the slightest touch, I remove the tartar and apply the Wash as directed, and instruct the patient to use it after washing the teeth. In every case it has done its work quickly and well.

Very respectfully,  
W. C. STEWART, D. D. S.

## The Best Wash Ever Used—Acted Like Magic.

The first case to treat with HOLMES' MOUTH WASH that has not been cured—cannot say enough in its praise.

WILMINGTON, N. C., April 1st, 1884.

*Drs J. P. & W. R. Holmes:*

DEAR SIRS—We consider HOLMES' MOUTH WASH by far the best we have ever used. Our first case was a patient who had been under the care of one of our best physicians for some weeks without deriving any benefit. After removing the tartar from his teeth we made an application to his gums and gave him a bottle to use. He returned in a few days, saying that the first application acted like magic, in fact had cured his gums. We have yet to have the first case to treat with HOLMES' MOUTH WASH that has not been cured. We cannot say enough in its praise. Please send us another dozen bottles by Express.

Very truly yours,  
FREEMAN & BALDWIN.

Used with the very best results—one Bottle will cure from 3 to 5 cases.

WHITE SPRINGS, FLA., March 18, 1884.

*Drs. J. P. & W. R. Holmes:*

DEAR SIRS—I have used your MOUTH WASH myself with the best results. If you can get your patients to use the Wash three or four days before removal of tartar the gums will heal much faster and bleed less. For ordinary cases of tartar, bad breath and bleeding gums, one bottle will cure from three to five cases.

I recommend it to do all you claim for it.

Respectfully,  
DR. W. A. McQUAIG.

## **A Lady Saves Her Teeth Ten Years by Use of Holmes' Sure Cure Mouth Wash.**

Read the following testimonial (one of many which could be obtained from those who have realized the beneficial effects of HOLMES' MOUTH WASH), from one of Georgia's most honored and trustworthy citizens, for long years chief editor and proprietor of the *Macon Daily Telegraph and Messenger* :

MACON, GA., July 20th, 1883.

*Drs. J. P. & W. R. Holmes :*

SIRS—Some ten years ago my wife put herself under your professional care. Her case was a peculiar one. She had sound teeth, but by an hereditary disease of the gums they had become so exposed and loose that she had been dentally advised that they must be removed at once, that it was "as impossible to save them as it was to raise the dead." You, on the contrary, insisted that by treatment they might be saved for years. This has, so far, been done successfully, so that by treatment and the constant use of your admirable HOLMES' MOUTH WASH, her teeth still remain, and I am bound to say that had she been able to follow your directions closely, they would have been firm to date. I cannot sufficiently commend the efficacy of your treatment and remedies for diseased teeth.

Yours respectfully,

JOSEPH CLISBY.

## **The Right Thing in the Right Place.**

LUMPKIN, GA., March 14, 1884.

*Drs. J. P. & W. R. Holmes :*

GENTS—I have used your MOUTH WASH and find that it is everything you claim for it: "The right thing in the right place."

Yours, etc.,

J. A. THORNTON, JR.



**Persons Who Have Used it Give Praise. From  
a Physician and Dealer in Drugs.**

KILLEDESVILLE, TEXAS, March 19, 1884.

*Drs. Holmes:*

GENTLEMEN—Your MOUTH WASH has not been tried by myself sufficiently to say as to its efficiency. You are aware that, as a regular physician, I cannot recommend any preparation without knowing the formula. Persons that have used your MOUTH WASH as a general thing praise it.

Yours truly, J. E. LAY, M. D.

**A Burning Sensation of the Mouth and Gums  
Relieved.**

ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA., June 24, 1883.

*Drs. J. P. & W. R. Holmes:*

DEAR SIRS—A young man called on me lately for advice. He was troubled very much with a burning sensation of the mouth and gums. I tried several different washes, which only afforded relief temporarily. I then sent and got some of HOLMES' MOUTH WASH. Three applications relieved him, and one bottle has cured him.

Very respectfully,

A. B. PHILLIPS.

**Acts Like a Charm.**

MADISON, GA., October 8, 1883.

*Drs. J. P. & W. R. Holmes:*

GENTLEMEN—HOLMES' MOUTH WASH acts like a charm.

Yours, etc.,

STOKES BROS.

## A Case Like Scurvy, of Five Years' Standing Cured.

WINSBORO, WOOD CO., TEXAS, Feb. 2d, 1883.

*J. P. & W. R. Holmes, Macon, Ga.:*

DEAR SIRS—Please send me one dozen bottles of your Mouth Wash by Pacific Express, to Winsboro, Texas. It excels any other Mouth Wash I have ever used. In this locality there are many people troubled with diseased gums, commonly called scurvy. In each case where I have used the Mouth Wash a cure has been effected. I cured one case of chronic sore mouth of five years' standing. The party had paid out one hundred dollars, and I cured him with your Wash and only charged him ten dollars. I cannot get along without it.

Respectfully yours,

W. N. JONES, D. D. S.

## POSSESSES EVERY MERIT CLAIMED FOR IT.

**It acts Like a Charm to Heal Gums After Extraction of Teeth.**

MINDEN, LA., June 27th, 1883.

*Drs. J. P. & W. R. Holmes:*

DEAR SIRS—I have been using HOLMES'S MOUTH WASH in my practice for some time. I find it to possess every merit you claim for it, and think no dentist should be without it. For healing and hardening the gums after the extraction of teeth, preparatory for a plate, and also for applying to the gums after the removal of tartar, *it acts like a charm.*

My patients say in the extraction of the teeth the use of the Mouth Wash rapidly relieves after pains, and soon heals and hardens the gums for the plate.

Respectfully,

E. F. LEWIS.

**A WASH LONG DESIRED.****A Set of Teeth Saved by it.**

WAKEENAH, FLA., August 18th, 1883.

*Drs. J. P. & W. R. Holmes :*

DEAR SIRS—The HOLMES' MOUTH WASH came through safely, and as far as I have used your Mouth Wash, I find it to be the wash long desired. It is a sure cure for diseased gums after tartar has been removed. I will mention one case in my practice where it proved its worth. A young man came to me about three weeks ago to have his teeth extracted. I examined his teeth and found them to be perfectly sound. After removing quite a quantity of tartar that had accumulated around them, I found the alveolar process badly diseased. I insisted on him not to have the teeth extracted, but to give your wash a fair trial. He has used one-half of a bottle of the wash, and his gums are now in a healthy condition, and of course the patient is highly delighted. The Wash is all that is claimed for it, and I will take pleasure in recommending it.

Respectfully,

A. L. GRANGER, D. D. S.

HOMER, LA., Feb. 1, 1884.

*Drs. J. P. & W. R. Holmes :*

GENTLEMEN—I introduced your Mouth Wash in this parish a year or so ago. It has given universal satisfaction, and there is a good demand for it. There are many people with diseased gums who would be glad to have your Wash. If you will ship me one hundred bottles to Arcadia, La., to sell, I will willingly do so. I will be traveling over the parish a great deal, and do not think, from what I know of the demand, that it will take me but a short while to dispose of them. There is no telling the amount could be sold by introducing it in this way—I mean, to sell it by the bottle.

Respectfully,

T. N. NIX

## CURED SOME OF THE WORST CASES OF DISEASED GUMS.

### Cured Ulcers and Sores in the Mouth, of Seven Years Standing.

RIPLEY, TITUS Co., TEXAS, Aug. 18, 1883.

*Drs. J. P. & W. R. Holmes:*

DEAR SIRS—The HOLMES' MOUTH WASH I ordered from you came safely to hand. I have used only two bottles so far, and though my experience with the Wash is short, I have found it to be a most perfect success. I have cured some of the worst cases of diseased gums. I will mention one case where the Wash relieved a mouth from a bad condition. Nearly a year ago I met a man who had been troubled with ulcers and sores in his mouth for six or seven years. He said he had paid out so much money on his mouth, without being benefitted, he had decided not to pay any more unless a cure was guaranteed. When your Wash came, I again met him, and concluded to take the case and try HOLMES'S MOUTH WASH. I gave him a small vial of the Wash and in a short time he came and got some more, and did so two or three times, when he told me his mouth was much better. I heard from him a few days ago, and he said he had never been bothered a minute since with his gums and mouth.

I believe that if every dentist who can get a bottle of HOLMES'S MOUTH WASH, would try it, he never would use any other Wash. *I would not be without it.*

Yours respectfully,

W. J. DELAFIELD, D. D. S.

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## SURE CURE MOUTH WASH, USED AS DIRECTED,

Is one of the best DENTIFRICES known. It cleans the teeth nicely, heals and hardens the gums, keeping them in a healthy condition, thus preventing decay of the teeth caused by

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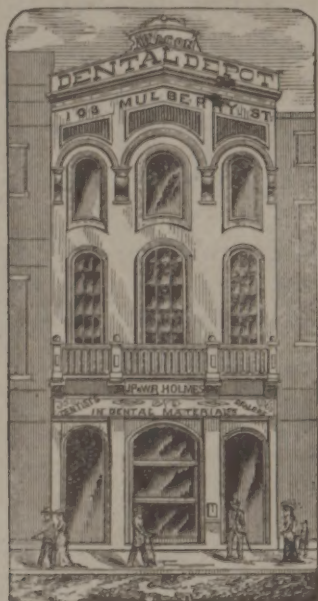
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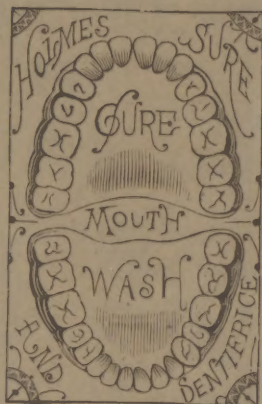
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